

**REMARKS**

Claims 21, 22, 26-39, 41-59, 61, 62 and 67-78 are now in the case. Applicant hereby elects the species identified as species 1 directed to a method of making a soft metal conductor with grains having grain size not less than 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$ . Claims 21, 26, 27 and 67-78 read on the elected species. Claims 28-39 and 41-59, 61 and 62 read on the non-elected species. Claim 21 has been amended to recite "not less than 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$ " as present in original claim 23.

Also, the specification has been amended to delete the reference to prior applications 09/112,885 and 08/367,565 since this application is not a division of Serial No. 09/112,885. This application was filed on January 18, 2002, after the issuance of 09/112,885 on January 1, 2002.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. According, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185 in the amount of \$1450 for a Four Month Extension of Time and for any deficiencies in fees filed, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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